

USBORNE FIRST READING



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This story is about  
Ned and Nat,



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a fairy



and a sausage.



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Ned and Nat were  
hungry.



They were  
always hungry.



Ned worked in  
the fields.



One day, he helped  
a fairy.





“Thank you. Have three wishes,” said the fairy.





Ned ran home.



“Nat! We have three wishes!” he shouted.





“Ooh!” said Nat.  
“I wish for...”



“A sausage!” said Ned.





“A sausage?” said Nat.  
“What a silly wish.”

You fool!

But I'm  
hungry!



Ned was cross.



“I wish the sausage was  
on the end of your nose!”





And it was.

Aaggh!  
NED...



Nat was  
very,  
very,  
very cross.





“Oops!” said Ned.



“Ned!” wailed Nat.  
“Do something!”





“I wish the sausage was  
off your nose,” said Ned.



And it was.



“Now we have no wishes,” said Nat.



“But we do have a sausage!” said Ned.





# PUZZLES

## Puzzle 1

Can you help Ned and the  
fairy spot the differences?  
There are 6 to find.





## Puzzle 2

Can you put the pictures in the right order?

A



B



C



D



E



## Puzzle 3

Match the words to the picture.



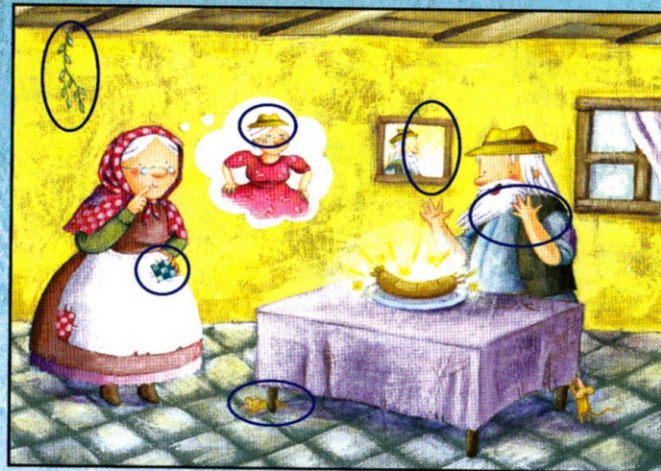
plate Ned table Nat cup  
mouse sausage sunflower





# Answers to puzzles

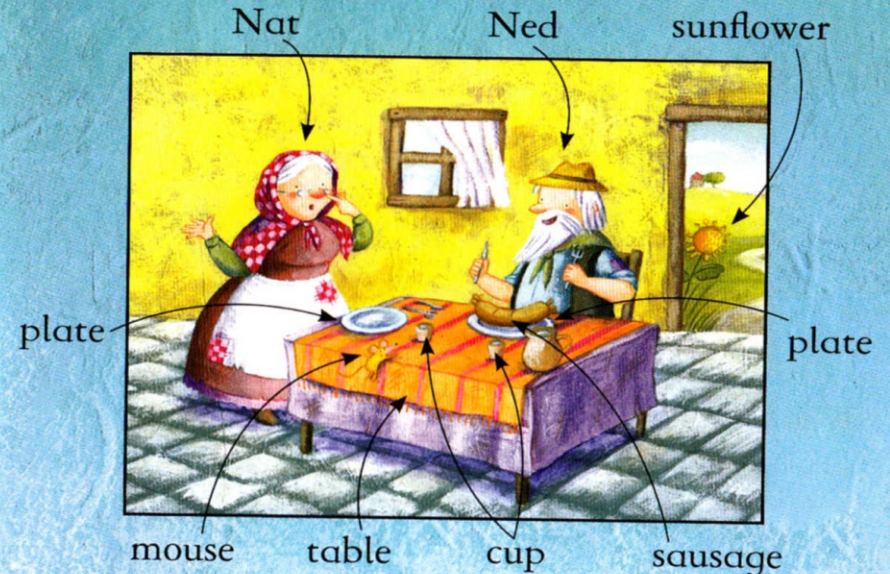
Puzzle 1



Puzzle 2



Puzzle 3



## About The Three Wishes

*The Three Wishes* is an old folk tale from Northern Europe. This version is adapted from the tale told in Sweden.









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